

Town of Darien
Public Works Committee to the RTM
Meeting: Feb 15, 2011, 8:00pm at Town Hall Employee Lounge

Attendees: Mark Adiletta (Chair), Brian Rayhill (Vice-Chair), Peter Kelly, Janet Grogan, Chris Noe, Richard Poli, Allison Stolar, David Kahn, Bill Peters, Holly Schulz, Frank Adelman

Absent: Moore

Meeting Minutes:

There were 11 of 12 committee members. A quorum for the meeting was met.

1. Motion to approve the PWC meeting minutes of Nov 22, 2010 by Dick Poli.
Motion Seconded. **Results:** 8 yea, 0 nay, 1 abstain
2. The Committee held a discussion on the proposed Flood & Erosion Control Board (FECB). Peter Kelly reported that the Rules Committee has asked the BOS for a definition of the roles, responsibilities and reporting line for the FECB. It was noted that Darien had a Flood Control Board in the 1980's, which may provide a framework for the FECB charter. PWC will wait until further direction is set by the BOS to determine our participation/monitoring.
It was agreed that PWC Chairman (Mark Adiletta) will ask a BOS representative along with the DPW Director (Mr. Steeger) to attend the next PWC meeting and update the Committee on the FECB and other flooding related activities/expenditures planned for 2011/2012. The update should include the \$275,000 for the engineering study related to 2 storm drains(engineering study 2011, one storm drain 2011, second drain 2012) and the use of the recently awarded State grant for \$150,000.
3. A discussion was held on the status of the Pedestrian Access Initiative. Holly Schulz presented a map of the Town sidewalks that are the maintenance responsibility of the DPW. Currently the DPW does not have an annual maintenance schedule for the Town walkways. At the next PWC meeting, we will ask Mr. Steeger to update the Committee on the DPW plans for ongoing improvements and maintenance of the Town walkways.
David Kahn provided an update to the Talmadge Hill and Hoyt Street walkway efforts to improve pedestrian safety (a presentation document was provided and is attached). It was recommended that the PWC engage the Public Health & Safety Committee to support the walkway improvements in the Talmadge Hill & Hoyt St areas. It was also recommended that the PWC, Health & Safety and the District 1 Chairman have a joint meeting with the BOS on the safety issues on Hoyt St and the plans by the Town to improve the situation. Holly Schulz will coordinate the meeting. Brian Rayhill will speak to Wayne Fox (Town attorney) about the process for allocating time on the RTM agenda for a brief update of the Pedestrian Access Initiative.

It was stated that the BOS has approved \$40,000 in the current year budget to perform a topographic survey, a schematic design and a preliminary engineering design of the sidewalk area. Several PWC members recommended that the Board of Finance be updated on the safety issues and the importance of the project.

4. A brief discussion was held on the status of the town-wide Spring Clean up. No date has been set by the DPW. It is expected that the Spring Clean up will be held in 2011 as budgeted.
5. A brief discussion was held on the Transfer Station. There are no new plans in the 2011/2012 budget related to the Transfer Station. Instead of a tour of the Transfer station, Brian Rayhill will ask the DPW for a tour/discussion of the DPW capital projects planned for 2011/2012.
6. A brief update was provided by Frank Adelman on the recent Sewer Commission meeting. The Goodwives River extension is still underway. There are no plans for any further extensions in 2011/2012. The Sewer Commission is presently negotiating the sewer treatment contract with the City of Stamford.

The next meeting of the PWC is scheduled for Mar 14, 2010 at 8pm.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00pm based on a motion by Janet Grogan and the building maintenance people. Motion seconded.

P. Kelly
Feb 21, 2011